



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Precipitation amounts were up from the previous week, and rains were scattered; some areas had heavy rains over the weekend. Farming activities for the week included planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. U-pick strawberry farms are in full swing, very busy.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/12/19

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Topsoil | - | 2 | 76 | 22 |
| Subsoil | - | 2 | 81 | 17 |

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 05/12/19

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Barley | - | 11 | 25 | 58 | 6 |
| Corn | 1 | 1 | 33 | 61 | 4 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | - | 5 | 36 | 44 | 15 |
| Hay, Other | - | 8 | 38 | 50 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat | - | 2 | 22 | 67 | 9 |
| Pasture | 1 | 10 | 41 | 35 | 13 |

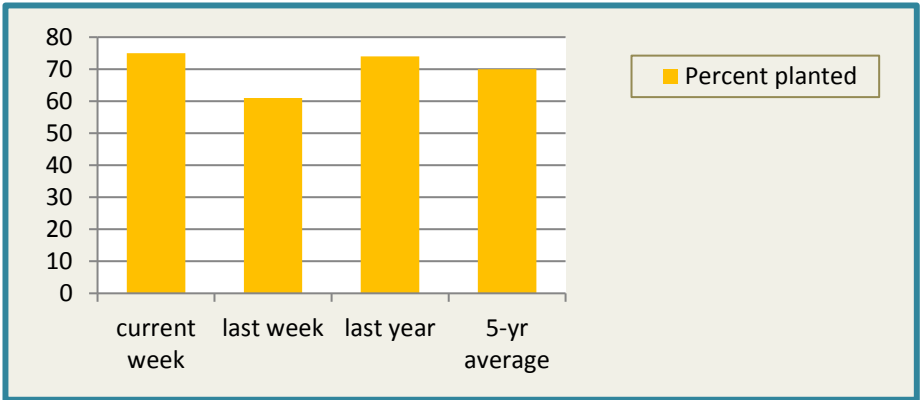
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/12/19

| Crop Stage | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Corn planted | 75 | 61 | 74 | 70 |
| Corn emerged | 51 | 30 | 49 | 44 |
| Cotton planted | 36 | 15 | 35 | 34 |
| Peanuts planted | 30 | 15 | 30 | 27 |
| Soybeans planted | 20 | 10 | 16 | 13 |
| Soybeans emerged | 5 | - | - | - |
| Tobacco, Burley transplanted | 13 | 8 | 17 | 9 |
| Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted | 17 | 6 | 18 | 14 |
| Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted | 36 | 17 | 34 | 34 |
| Winter Wheat headed | 75 | 55 | 71 | 71 |

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/12/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 12, 2019

| City | Temperature | | | | | | Growing degree days (modified base 50) | | Precipitation | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | Avg. max. | Avg. min. | High max. | Low min. | Avg. | Avg. dep. from normal * | Mar. 1 to May 11 | Mar. 1 to May 11 norm | Last Week | Since Mar. 1 | Mar. 1 dep. from normal * | Jan. 1 to date | Jan. 1 dep. from normal * |
| Lynchburg | 77 | 58 | 82 | 51 | 67 | 6 | 711 | 561 | 1.24 | 8.89 | 0.18 | 16.54 | 1.23 |
| Norfolk | 80 | 62 | 86 | 56 | 71 | 7 | 863 | 598 | 1.86 | 8.53 | -0.17 | 17.03 | 1.12 |
| Richmond | 80 | 61 | 82 | 57 | 70 | 7 | 827 | 648 | 2.45 | 9.50 | 0.95 | 17.11 | 1.97 |
| Roanoke | 78 | 61 | 83 | 53 | 70 | 9 | 758 | NA | 0.54 | 7.78 | -1.16 | 16.30 | 1.07 |
| Wash/Dulles | 74 | 58 | 81 | 56 | 66 | 7 | 641 | NA | 1.68 | 10.34 | 2.27 | 17.80 | 3.90 |

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Corn and soybean planting continuing. Some hay harvest started. Orchard grass in full seed head. Significant rains over the weekend caused some small grain lodging.

FREDERICK (Mark Sutphin)

2-4 inches of rain recorded 5-3 to 5-5 depending on location in the county. Also spotty hail, some significant size.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Field conditions were dry enough Tuesday for spring work to progress in Rockbridge, and after 4 very busy days, rain showers brought spring land applications and planting work to another temporary halt. Most of Rockbridge got around .7 of an inch of rain over Saturday and Sunday to end the week.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Scattered rainstorms throughout the week, ground still too cold for crops.

SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Heavy rainfall this weekend has left a wet start to the week. Cattle producers are gearing up to breed premium assured heifers, with ultrasound scheduled for late July.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Heavy rain all weekend, and some during the week is slowing farmers down. Heavy downpours Saturday and Sunday with rain Monday morning will push getting in fields back a few days. Some first cutting hay has already been baled up.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Missed rain this week, so farmers are now catching up with corn planting which is later than normal this year. Wheat has headed out 100% with few reported disease problems. U-pick strawberry farms are in full activity now with quality berries and good crop volume.